

On January 26, 2022 the Panel met to review the materials received from Parties since the end of the November 1-6, 2021 Public Hearing sessions. Upon deliberations, the Panel, by way of Motion #20220126-02-SBM-04, has determined that upon the Board's receipt of the materials as summarized in Table 1, the Board has received all the information required to complete the Board's Reconsideration of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's "Phase 2 Development" Proposal, and decided that the Public Hearing Record for the file can now be closed. By way of this correspondence, the Board advises all parties that the Public Hearing Record is closed effective January 28, 2022, and no further information or evidence associated with the Proposal will be considered by the Panel while it is in decision making.

The matter has now been remitted to the Panel for decision-making. The Panel will be following up in the days ahead in separate correspondence to advise the Responsible Minister and Parties regarding the projected timeline to complete the Panel's decision-making for the assessment and to issue the Board's associated Reconsideration and Recommendation Report.

In closing, the Panel expresses our appreciation to all who participated in the many aspects of this assessment since 2018, including the various Public Hearing Sessions, the Community Roundtables, the Technical Meetings, the Pre-Hearing Conference and the written technical review process. The Board is grateful for your important contributions to the Board's assessment of the Proposal.

Should you have questions regarding the Public Hearing Record for the Phase 2 Development Proposal, please contact the Board's Executive Director, Karen Costello at (867) 983-4608 or kcostello@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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